(c) Under the PMRY, the States/Union Territories (UTs) are allocated annual targets based on the population, number of unemployed youth registered with the employment exchange in the State, performance in the preceding year, etc. The District Industries Centres (DICs) of States and UTs receive applications from the educated unemployed youth for loans for setting up self-employment projects and recommend applications found eligible after scrutiny to banks for sanction of loans. Branches of banks sanction and disburse loans to the applicants whose project proposals are found to be viable.

Performance of projects under PMRY in J&K

2097. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received the performance of on-going projects under the Pradhan Mantri Rozgar Yojana in Jammu and Kashmir; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHAVIR PRASAD): (a) and (b) Against the target of 1588 cases for sanction of loan under the Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana in Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) for 2005-06, the Government is yet to receive the final number of cases of loan sanctioned. In 2004-05, 747 cases of loan were sanctioned in J&K against the target of 2000.

Financial assistance by KVIC

2098. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the conditions stipulated to provide financial assistance by Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) to eligible entrepreneurs are being strictly implemented;

(b) if not, the number of complaints received by Government in this regard during the last three years for violation of these conditions;

(c) the action taken by Government in this regard;

(d) whether any mechanism is available with KVIC to enforce the conditions stipulated for the sanctioning of such financial assistance;

(e) if so, the reasons for violation of stipulated conditions; and

(f) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to further strengthen the mechanism?

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHAVIR PRASAD): (a) The Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) is implemented by the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) with due regard to the conditions stipulated for providing financial assistance to eligible applicants.

(b) and (c) 241 cases of releasing margin money assistance to ineligible applicants under the REGP during the last three years (2002-03 to 2004-05) have come to the notice of KVIC. The KVIC has taken action to recover the margin money assistance released in these cases.

(d) to (f) In order to ensure that the assistance due under REGP is available to only eligible applicants, field offices of the KVIC or the State/ Union Territory khadi and Village Industries Boards concerned scrutinise the proposals of applicants before forwarding them to the banks for sanction of loan. In addition, the financial (margin money) assistance provided by the KVIC is kept with the relevant financing branch of the bank as fixed deposit in the name of each beneficiary for a period of two years. This amount is credited to the loan account of the beneficiary only after verification of establishment of the unit.

Spinners and weavers of Khadi and Village Industries

2099. KUMARI NIRMALA DESHPANDE: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the employment given by khadi and village industries is going down and poor spinners and weavers are suffering;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken to help this sector?

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHAVIR PRASAD): (a) and (b) The employment in the village industries (VI) sector